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S. S. CONVENTION

Largest in History of Lawrence County.

Nearly All Schools Represented by Delegates and Great Interest Shown Throughout.

It is the unanimous opinion of those who attended the nineteenth annual convention of the Lawrence County Sunday School Association, held in this city July 1 and 2, that it was the best one ever held in this county. It was numerously attended and by delegates from all sections of the county.

The hospitality of our people was large and generous. So far as we can learn no delegate was disappointed, and if any did not partake of this hospitality it was surely not the fault of the committee who had this important matter in charge. The various sessions of the convention were held in the Southern Methodist Church, and all the meetings were largely attended. The extremely hot weather did not seem to be any hindrance upon attendance and it did not lessen the enthusiasm of the workers in the cause.

In addition to the regular procedure remarks were made some not to the printed order. Notably among these was Mrs. Sallie G. Riggan, of Louisville.

The interest throughout this very pleasant and instructive gathering of Sunday School workers was well maintained, all evidently feeling that it was good to be there.

We think that the following is a very complete list of the delegates present. Of course the name of no one is intentionally omitted.

Milton Barnett, Brad
Henry Hughes, Ote
Patsey Shannon, Gallup
W. M. Nickell, Blaine
R. C. Roberts, Louisa
Wm. H. Vaughan, Louisa
Oscar Chaffin, Ind
Hannah Nelson, Madge
Julia Burke, Potter
O. J. Vaughan, R. F. D., Louisa
Mrs. E. C. Berry, Blaine
Rev. Cyrus Riffe, Gallup
J. B. McClure, Louisa
J. P. McClure, Gallup
J. F. Davis, Louisa
John Hughes, Ote
D. L. Pigg, Busseyville
Mary Clayton, Lick Creek
Angie Thompson, Cherokee
Z. C. Wheeler, Blaine
Nannie Lambert, Donithon
Clara Lambert, Donithon
W. J. Vaughan, Louisa
Mrs. J. H. Candler, Deephole
Marjorie Curran, Potter
W. H. C. Thompson, Cherokee
B. D. Johnson, Jattie
J. F. Wood, Cherokee
Dock Jordan, Cordell
Maggie Vaughan, Louisa
Dr. J. E. Hatten, Buchanan
A. L. Curran, Ellen
V. D. Harmon, Cadmus
J. C. Poe, Ellen
C. L. Thompson, Webbville
Mrs. Amanda Thompson, Webbville
Manchie Preston, Garred Chapel
Goldie Wilson, Lick Creek
M. J. Allen, Lowmansville
R. F. Rice, Yatesville
L. R. Giles, Jattie
W. C. Quisenberry, Jattie
Tobe French, Vessie
G. W. Chaffin, Yatesville
L. D. Boggs, Potter
Miss Lizzie Burchett, Deephole
Jay Compton, Marvin
Elizabeth Hatten, Buchanan
John Hayes, Adams
Mie Carter, Prosperity
Miss Lerissa Alley, Prosperity
W. Jay Roberts, Maple Grove
Flora F. Ward, Cherokee
J. K. Belcher, Cadmus
John Compton, Marvin
Clara Stuart, Cadmus
Mellie Carter, Prosperity
John G. Sammons, Gallup
Mary Compton, Marvin
Mrs. Bettie Pigg, Busseyville
H. H. Stansberry, Walbridge
Clara Miller, Adaline
K. C. Potter, Kinner
Rev. A. C. Watkins, Potter
Martin Potter, Kinner
Foeter Burton, Blaine

Isaac Cunningham, Blaine,
Miss Lydia Morris, Blaine,
Charley Miller, Adeline,
H. C. Austin, Fallsburg,
S. S. Bellomy, Adeline,
Mrs. John McClure, Gallup.

Fiscal Court Proceedings.

A called session of the Fiscal Court was held in Louisa on the 1st of this month, all the court being present. The principal business transacted was the measure adopted for the repair of the bridge across Georges creek. H. Higbberger was appointed a special commissioner to have the work done. He will prepare plans and specifications and publish the same as soon as possible. He will call for bids, and the entire matter will be in his hands.

It was ordered that the roof of the court house, the jail and jailer's residence be well pointed. Jailer Burton will leave this matter in charge and will receive bids for the work. R. W. Hay was allowed \$500 for work done since time ago on the bridge across Georges creek. And then the court adjourned.

THE GLORIOUS FOURTH

Celebrated at Louisa, With the Usual Large Crowd Present.

Louisa enjoyed a safe, sane and sensible Fourth. A big crowd of good folks, well dressed and well behaved people came in from all parts of the county and helped us celebrate in excellent style.

At a very early hour Jeff Wilson awakened everybody by a peculiar combination of sled, bells, song and music. Wilson, two big farm bells mounted on a sled drawn by a horse-driven Jeff made the rounds of the town and told the sleeping population that the jubilee 4th of July had arrived. There was no sleeping after this, and everybody got up and began preparations for the celebration.

About 10 o'clock a procession was formed and headed by the Louisa Brass Band, it made a circuit of the town. When this was over the crowd, or as much of it as could find standing room, gathered on Main cross street, opposite the courthouse where the various races were run, of which mention will be made later.

The expected center of the day had not arrived and Mr. G. W. Castle finally consented to speak to the crowd. Mr. Castle made a rattling and speech of some fifteen or twenty minutes duration and greatly pleased the audience, and if you were with in half a mile of him you were one of the hoarse.

Short as some sports was indulged in until dinner time. After dinner a large number went to Fountain Park where the ball game and the horse racing occurred. In the latter event Junior Allison rode G. W. Castle's horse to victory.

The ball game was very exciting. The Wayne (W. Va.) club lined up against the Louisa aggregation. The club from the other side of the creek was an all-star combine, but in thirteen innings Louisa was victorious by a score of 8 to 7.

In the foot race for men, Will Prince was winner, and Cecil Reed and P. Edwards won the prize in the foot race for boys.

Charley Justice won the potato race. The prize in the wheelbarrow race went to F. Thompson. John Copley was adjudged the best bidder.

The sack race was a tie between Klunie Pigg and Mont Ball. Best dancing, Miss Burton. For best decorated wagon Misses Kizzie Burns and Roberta Dixon tied. Jeff Wilson and Chand Wilson tied for the prize offered for the best calthumpian. During the afternoon several balloons were sent up.

Nothing whatever of an unpleasant character occurred to mar the celebration of the day. There was no drinking observable and not the slightest disorder. El Dorado was open all day, affording fine amusement for hundreds.

The weather could not have been pleasanter if it had been made to order. It was cloudy all day, with a gentle breeze—no rain, no hot sun, no dust. It was a pleasant day in all respects, one to be remembered.

The Coal and Railroad Situation.

In speaking of the coal and railroad situation in Eastern Kentucky, the Manufacturer's Record has the following:

The stores of fuel in the hills are tremendous; almost not believed, excepting by those who have looked into them, yet notwithstanding that these resources of nature are so far in excess of any immediate demands to be made upon them, the railroad facilities to meet the demands of the near future are inadequate, and they must be enlarged and improved, or else the South's industrial growth would fail of its possibilities. Therefore we may expect to see more railroad building and more connections for getting out the coal.

An acre of coal land will produce from 5,000 to 10,000 tons of freight; an acre of agricultural land should annually produce one-third to one-half a ton of freight, and in some rare cases a ton. Thus an acre of coal land when mined will yield as much freight in one year as an acre of agricultural land would produce in 1,000 to 10,000 years or more. Is it any wonder that the railroad plants are struggling for strategic position or in many cases in the great coal fields of the South, which in extent and richness far exceeds the coal fields of all clumped?

Rev. Jerry Engle Dead.

Rev. Jerry Engle died of paralysis last Friday night at Farmington, W. Va., aged 71 years. Rev. Engle had a severe paralytic stroke about two months ago, and gradually grew weaker, until the end came. He was one of the best known ministers in the M. E. Conference and has held some of the most important churches in the State. Rev. Engle was Lieutenant in the Union Army, and was a prominent member of the G. A. R. He married Miss Jennie Everett, daughter of the late Col. Talton W. Everett, of Girardville, about the year 1875, to which union were born four children, three sons and a daughter. Talton W., Harry, William and Mrs. Harry Dobson, the latter residing in Pittsburg. Rev. Engle was known by many in this city, and was a brother-in-law of Judge L. T. Everett—Cathertown Tribune.

Mr. Engle was well known in this city. Through his wife, formerly Miss Jennie Everett, he was related to many prominent Louisa families.

The Rev. F. F. Shannon.

The Rev. Fred Shannon, wife and Frederick, the boy, arrived from Brooklyn on Tuesday evening last. They are welcomed by a host of friends in Louisa, the birthplace and former home of Mr. Shannon.

A good part of Mr. Shannon's vacation will be spent in Louisa, and the NEWS is glad to announce that he will preach in the Southern Methodist Church on next Sunday morning. Mr. Shannon will attend the Summer School of Theology at Northfield, Massachusetts, returning to Brooklyn by the second Sunday in September.

Blackberries in our Midst.

Yea, truly, "In our midst." The white promise of the spring has grown to full fruition and the dusty, juicy blackberries are coming by handreds. Some Southern poet speaks of the succulent berry as being "sweet as remembered kisses." Yum, Yum! We remember a few of the latter and are prepared to bear witness to the truthfulness of the simile. Louisa housewives know how to "put up" the blackberry in fifty-seven different ways, and nature has provided a way in which they taste mighty good as they go down.

In the Court of Appeals.

Bowling vs. Breathitt, Coal, Iron & Lumber Co.—Filed June 10, 1909. Appeal from Knott Circuit Court. Opinion of the court by Judge Hobson, affirmed.

James Goble for appellant; J. J. C. Bach, Smith & Combs for appellee.

Rice, etc., vs. Ford.—Filed June 15, 1909. Appeal from Floyd Circuit Court. Opinion of the court by Judge Nunn, reversing.

James Goble for appellants; May & May for appellee.

SCHOOL TEACHERS

Will Receive Good Pay This Year.

Per Capita in Kentucky Will Be Four Dollars, The Highest on Record.

Frankfort, Ky., July 6.—School teachers of Kentucky will receive the largest salaries that they have ever received as a result of the fixing of the school per capita today at \$4, the largest that has ever been allowed. This means that nearly \$3,000,000 will be used by the common schools of the State. Under this per capita the minimum salary of school teachers will be \$33.33, and the maximum \$60.00, as compared with a minimum of \$25 only two years ago.

The following statement was issued late this afternoon by Prof. J. G. Crabbe, State Superintendent of Public Instruction:

Frankfort, Ky., July 6. To County Superintendents: The State School Fund estimated allocated for the payment of teachers for the fiscal year, ending June 30, 1910, amounts to \$2,975,000.

The per capita is declared \$4.00. The per capita last year was \$3.69. This year is an increase of 8 cents. Hence this per capita for the year 1909-1910 is the largest in the history of the State.

The school census showing pupil children reports as follows:

Pupils in counties, 581,979

Pupils in cities, 152,229

Total, 734,208

The school census last year was 733,821 pupils.

I congratulate the teachers of the State. On July 22, 1908, in declaring the per capita last year, I said, "We are inaugurating here and now the biggest forward movement of schools in Kentucky since the past forty or fifty years," and today I repeat it. We are inaugurating here and now the biggest forward movement of schools in Kentucky since the past forty or fifty years. You will see this sentence again. Better help now! Respectfully submitted,

J. G. Crabbe, Superintendent.

The Cincinnati Enquirer is speaking of the large per capita vote.

The revenue and taxation law passed in 1906, in Governor Lockhart's administration, is beginning to work well, and it is the money raised in that way that enables the per capita readily to be increased. It is expected that the per capita will be even larger next year.

Quite a Shocking.

A very severe electrical storm visited a portion of Louisa on last Thursday afternoon. About half-past two o'clock a bolt of lightning descended in the northwestern part of the town, and the shock was severely felt by all the residents of the section bounded by Lady Washington, Perry and Pike streets.

Mrs. Eugene Allen and baby were rendered insensible, and for quite a while it was thought that the child was dead, but by the use of restoratives all were revived. Several others in that vicinity were severely stunned. The lightning struck the roots of a tree opposite the residence of Col. Jay H. Northup. It covered the sidewalk with dirt but did no damage. Mrs. J. M. Turner and little daughter were sitting on the porch not more than twenty feet from the tree, but fortunately neither mother nor child was injured. A nearby telephone was put out of commission by the bolt.

Grandson of O. D. Garred Burned.

Edgar, the 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Crow, of the Florence Hotel, was seriously injured on Monday afternoon by the explosion of a gas pipe cannon in the back yard at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Garred, of Huntington.

The victim of the accident and a

number of his companions were celebrating the Fourth as children always do, when the accident took place. A cannon had been made from a section of gas pipe and loaded with a heavy charge of powder. The fuse was lighted and burned down to the powder, but for some reason the charge failed to explode.

After waiting a moment Edgar Crow walked over to the cannon and looked into the "touch" hole. At that instant the fire reached the powder and it exploded, blowing the cannon to pieces and sending the recoil of fire and burned powder into the child's face, terribly burning and lacerating it. He was taken immediately to a hospital where his injuries were dressed. It is feared that his sight will be much impaired.

Will Go Into Camp.

About a dozen of Louisa's rafters will soon go into camp for several days near Chapman. What an ideal place for a camp of gentlemen, eh? Chapman! The young ladies will be only chaperoned, and more than one will doubtless have a change of her own.

KILLED IN PISTOL DUEL.

William Justice, of Grayson, Meets Death at 4th of July Dance.

William Justice, of Grayson, was killed in a pistol duel at a Fourth of July platform dance at Foley, Logan county, on last Tuesday night, his slayer being Sherd Baldwin, the town marshal of Foley. The killing is said to have been indirectly the result of an old quarrel between the two men, although it is said to have arisen immediately out of an attempt by Justice to interfere with Baldwin while the latter was beating a woman.

Foley is a building town six miles above Louisa, on Dingess Run. The people of that community had made great preparation for Fourth of July celebration, part of which was to be a platform dance at a platform owned and conducted by Justice. The dance began with a great number of people in attendance.

Details of the affair are meagre, but it seems that Baldwin had gone to the dance accompanied by a woman relative, said to have been his daughter. During the progress of the revel this woman in some way aroused the jealousy of another woman, who attacked her, inflicting a severe beating before Baldwin could, or did, interfere. When he did interfere, however, he attacked the second woman fiercely, knocking her down and kicking her. At this juncture Justice appeared, ordered Baldwin to leave the woman alone and not to kick her again. Heedless of this warning, Baldwin struck the prostrate woman with his foot, whereupon Justice pulled a revolver and fired at him. Baldwin coolly knocked aside the weapon of his adversary, drew his own revolver and shot, the bullet entering Justice's side, producing instant death.

The affair created tremendous excitement, and, as the bystanders were loath to take up the quarrel, it looked for a time as if there might be more serious trouble. The disturbance was quelled after a time and the crowd dispersed. Baldwin was arrested. The body of Justice was taken to Logan, prepared for burial, and then shipped to Grayson for interment.

A man named William Crispin was fatally wounded.

Off For Texas.

Bill Jim Chaffin, Ec. Berry, of Blaine, and Billie Burton, of Lick Creek, left here on last Monday morning, bound on a voyage of exploration. They will go to Houston, Texas, and incidentally they will see what the country looks like. It is to be a trip for rest and recreation, and each denies having the slightest symptom of western fever.

Three Thousand Ovens.

The Marrowbone Coal & Coke Co. has let a contract for three thousand ovens on the Marrowbone branch of the C. & O., about twenty miles above Pikeville. The work on these coke ovens has already begun.

Oldest Mule in Kentucky.

From Frankfort comes the story that former Adjutant-General Henry R. Lawrence, of Cadiz, has discovered what he thinks is the oldest mule in the world. This particular "Maud" is a resident of Rutherford county, Tennessee. The mule is owned by Mike Hayes, and is known to be 39 years old, and may be older. She has been in the possession of Hayes for 36 years, and has helped raise his entire family.

The most peculiar feature of this "Maud" is that she has never been known to kick. Hayes worked her until a few years ago, but since then she has been living on her accomplishments of the past.

The NEWS does not doubt any part of this story, but the Bluegrass people must "come again." Upon the Stafford fork of Rockcastle is a mule much older than Mike Hayes' animal, and the Honker mule in Pike county—she must be dead by this time—had an established record of 47 years.

Maud's "peculiar feature," never known to kick, ought not to be at all peculiar. It's all a matter of training and use, not breaking and abuse. A mule, properly treated, is the most valuable animal in the service of man. Weight for weight it is stronger than a horse, more patient, more easily kept, not half so "scary," and far more intelligent. Mule owners who give more kicks than corn and more blows than bedding should try the virtue of good care awhile.

Kentucky Coal Productions.

But for increased developments in the mountain regions of Kentucky, especially in Floyd, Johnson, Lee and Pike counties, the production of coal in Kentucky would have shown a much greater decrease for the year 1908 than was actually shown. The production in Western and Southeastern districts showed a heavy falling off, but the Northeastern districts made a gain on account of the increased development and opening of new mines. The total output of coal in Kentucky, according to the annual report made to Governor Willson by C. J. Norwood, chief inspector of mines for Kentucky, was 9,805,777 tons, of which the greater part was shipped to market. The total receipts at the mines made the price per ton about \$1, the total selling value being \$9,776,762.

Prof. Norwood recommends more attention to the making of coke, especially in the Big Sandy Valley, which has an especially fine grade of coal for this purpose. There has been an increase of more than 35 per cent. in the number of persons employed in coal mines in the last four years. Prof. Norwood shows, the number having grown from 12,906 in 1904 to 18,611 in 1908. During the year thirty-nine persons lost their lives as a result of accident at, near or in mines.

Heavy Rain.

There was a terrific down pour on last Monday night and Tuesday, and the river raised several feet. The boom on Wolfe creek broke and let out a great number of logs. The rise carried away the coffer dam at Salt-peter, and the overflow along the creeks did great damage to growing crops. There was, eighteen feet of water here but the rise in Levisa was small.

Observed the Fifth Also.

While our people generally observed the 3rd of July instead of the 4th, many of them renewed their devotion to the flag—and the lunch basket—on Monday, the 5th. Cliffside offered various attractions, the railroad made a reduced rate, and about thirty Louisians spent the day in Catlettsburg, the park and Ashland. The weather was ideal and the day was enjoyably spent.

Telephone Directory.

The new directories of the exchange of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company have just been delivered to each subscriber, showing the changes and new stations installed since the last issue.

This company is making many improvements in the Big Sandy Valley. The Louisa exchange will soon be the central office in Kentucky.